



**K6LPL/KH5**

**PALMYRA ISLAND  
EXPEDITION**

**1980**

RADIO	DATE	TIME	MHz	REPORT
N7MC	JAN. 6, '80	1837 GMT	21	SSB 59 CW

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We also would like to thank N6AHU, W6PJX, W7PHO, WD6AEI, and the others who assisted us with the emergency traffic. Our sincere thanks to KH6ETG and KH6CY for their assistance with the gear in Hawaii after the teams returned stateside.

Our congratulations to the crew of the Varua, led by Captain Russ Nilson, but most of all, our highest esteem goes to the United States Coast Guard. Their immediate responses and understanding of the problems will long be remembered by the entire team.

### **The Story . . . Shortened Version . . . dates are Hawaii referenced**

**JAN. 4, 1980** - Flight to Palmyra aborted (radio failure) approximately 120 miles south of Hawaii. Returned to Hawaii.

**JAN. 5, 1980** - Crashed on landing at Palmyra. Jan, WA6YQW seriously injured. Coast Guard, with C-130 arrives and evacuates Jan to Hawaii.

After a team vote, we decide to stay. Palmyra is put on the air.

**JAN. 6, 1980** - Varua leaves Palmyra for Kingman Reef. Kingman spotted mid afternoon. Anchor off Kingman Reef shoals early evening.

**JAN. 7, 1980** - Despite high seas and difficult landing, we settle on the reef. Kingman Reef put on the air.

**JAN. 8-9, 1980** - Both sites active.

**JAN. 10, 1980** - Kingman Reef de-activated. Returned to Palmyra at sunset.

**JAN. 11, 1980** - K6LPL seriously injured. Coast Guard arrives with C-130. Entire team leaves Palmyra at Sunset arriving in Hawaii at 10 P.M.

15,000 QSO's were made from Palmyra Island.

**JAN. 12, 1980** - K6LPL receives 4 hrs. of hand surgery at Queens Hospital and returns home Jan. 14.

OPERATORS Palmyra: K6LPL, DAVE and K2HFX, BOB

73's and Thanks